

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0058

APPROVAL OF A WATER RECYCLING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (WRCP) FOR
IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT; SAN JOAQUIN RECLAIMED WATER RESERVOIR
PROJECT (PROJECT); PROJECT NO. WRCP-3807-030

WHEREAS:

1. The Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act (2000 Bond Law), Proposition 13, allocated \$40 million to the Water Recycling Subaccount to provide loans and grants to municipalities for facilities planning, design, and construction of water recycling projects;
2. The 2000 Bond Law also provided that unallocated funds and loan repayments from the Water Recycling Subaccount of the 1988 and 1996 bond laws be transferred and deposited into the 2000 Bond Law Water Recycling Subaccount;
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), on January 25, 2001, adopted Resolution No. 2001-003, which included adoption of the WRCP priority list;
4. The District's Water Recycling Project is listed as Category 1E of the adopted WRCP priority list. However, based on the review of engineering reports submitted by the District, the proposed Project will augment State water supply and local groundwater, and therefore meets the criteria for the fundable category 1A;
5. The Division of Financial Assistance (Division) has reviewed the grant application and supporting documents and issued a Facilities Planning Approval letter on July 24, 2003;
6. The District prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), State Clearinghouse No. 2001121098, that addressed potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed project and it has been determined that:
 - a. Changes or alterations have been required in or incorporated into the proposed project which avoid or reduce to less than significant levels potentially significant environmental effects identified in the EIR with respect to: (i) impacts to water quality which will be mitigated by complying with the current NPDES permit for construction de-watering, providing for erosion and sediment control in compliance with TMDLs established by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, meeting requirements of Title 22 for reclaimed water at the reservoir, controlling emergent vegetation and algal blooms by periodic drawdown and cleaning, and capturing seepage from underdrains and returning water to the reservoir.
 - b. With respect to other potentially significant environmental impacts identified in the environmental document, appropriate changes or alterations are not within the responsibility and jurisdiction of the SWRCB. Such other changes or alterations have been adopted or should be adopted by other agencies.
 - c. Copies of the EIR may be viewed by the general public at the California Environmental Protection Agency Building, 1001 I Street 16th Floor, Sacramento California during normal business hours; and

7. The District is a signatory to the California Urban Water Conservation Council's Memorandum of Understanding regarding Urban Water Conservation in California.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves the reclassification of the District's Project on the WRCP Priority List from 1E to 1A fundable category;
2. Approves a WRCP 2000 Bond Law grant of \$3.9 million to the District for the construction of the San Joaquin Reclaimed Water Reservoir Project; and
3. Will withdraw this preliminary WRCP grant commitment if the District does not issue the Notice-to-Proceed for construction by December 30, 2003. The Division may approve up to a 90-day extension to the above deadline for good cause.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 16, 2003.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board